

**VILLAGE OF DRYDEN
DDA MEETING/PLANNING COMMISSION
DRYDEN HIGH SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
MINUTES**

Deanna Harbar called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Roll call: Batzer, Betcher, Franz, Listerman, Reynolds, Schultz, Thiemkey, Harbar
Absent: Daley

MOTION by Franz supported by Thiemkey to approve the August 17, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes & August 31, 2010 Special Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as presented.

Committee voiced all ayes, Motion carried 8 - 0.

Agenda:

MOTION by Schultz supported by Thiemkey, to approve the Agenda with one amendment to eliminate the Planning Commission public hearing agenda and put the Public Hearing on the DDA agenda and eliminate the second public comment time on the DDA agenda for September 21, 2010.

Committee voiced all ayes, Motion carried 8 - 0.

Public Comments:

None

Financial Statements:

No questions

Bills to Pay:

MOTION by Franz supported by Schultz, to approve the September 21, 2010 bills to pay in the amount of \$922.32.

Roll call: Batzer-yes, Betcher-yes, Daley-ab, Franz-yes, Listerman-yes, Reynolds-yes, Schultz-yes, Thiemkey-yes, Harbar-yes.

Committee voiced all ayes, Motion carried 8 - 0.

CARRYOVER BUSINESS:

A. DPW Snow Removal on sidewalks

MOTION by Betcher supported by Reynolds, to, purchase one pallet of ice melt for snow removal and let John Ihrke-DPW Supervisor oversee sidewalk snow removal within the \$3000 budget and inform the DDA if the amount is not sufficient for the season due to excess snow etc.

Roll call: Batzer-yes, Betcher-yes, Daley-ab, Franz-yes, Listerman-yes, Reynolds-yes, Schultz-yes, Thiemkey-yes, Harbar-yes.

Committee voiced all ayes, Motion carried 8 - 0.

B. Bids for parking area & sidewalk completion for the memorial park.

Table to ask Tina Papineau questions

C. Rules for Public Hearing

No changes on the rules

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MOTION by Betcher seconded by Thiemkey to adjourn at 6:25 P.M. and reconvene at 7 P.M. for the Public Hearing.

Committee voiced all ayes, Motion carried 8 - 0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Deanna Harbar opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 P.M.

Deanna Harbar went over the rules for the public comment time. She reminded everyone that the hearing is about how Medical Marijuana is dispensed in the Village of Dryden.

Village Attorney Gary Howell explained the function of the Public Hearing by the Planning Commission is to hear public comment on the draft of a proposed zoning amendment to recommend to the Village Council for final approval. It is not a forgone conclusion your comments may help the commission change the recommendation one way or the other before they send the draft to your elected officials the Village Council. The Village Council is the one to actually make the decision to adapt or revise the ordinance. Please keep your comments relevant to the Zoning Amendment and give your reasons why you are for or against it. We are interested in your thoughts one way or another.

Public Comments:

Began at 7:10 P.M

30 public members spoke at the hearing. 23 of the public comments were from Dryden residents. In summary most were not happy with the location of the dispensary it's to close to the school, the library and churches. Many had concerns about the children. They felt we were sending the wrong message about Village of Dryden. 14 public members spoke during their rebuttal time. Complete transcript of the comments is attached to the minutes.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Re-opened the DDA/Planning Commission meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Discussion was held among the members of the Planning Commission regarding the Zoning Amendment.

MOTION by Listerman second by Franz to table the recommendation for further discussion on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at the Village Hall.

Roll call: Batzer-yes, Betcher-no, Daley-ab, Franz-yes, Listerman-yes, Reynolds-no, Schultz-yes, Thiemkey-yes, Harbar-yes.

Committee voiced all ayes, Motion carried 6 - 2.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Deanna Harbar, Chairperson

Rande Listerman, Secretary

**Village of Dryden – Planning Commission
Zoning Amendment-Medical Marijuana
September 21, 2010**

Attachment

Public Comments:

Ron Ptaszek – Dryden

Express disapproval from the State down, no black & white plan for the local municipalities on how to handle this. There is a way to get prescription drugs from a doctor why is this handled differently? We were cheated as voters.

Michael Mahan – Lake Orion

I'm a caregiver & patient I have 5 patients just got the just of this meeting when I got here I thought you would have a public hearing first some things I see that are not in here I don't believe you should take it into a residential neighborhood. To keep it a single person out of their home if you grow, sell & store it puts in all in one place. Then someone has to be there 24/7. Keep it a medical business.

Kristie Lynch – Dryden

Not against medical marijuana for people who need. What saddens me is someone stop my 12 year old on the street and asked him where can I get my marijuana. That bothers me. It's to close to the school it's to close to the public library.

Jamie Fricke – Lapeer

Works at the Compassion Care Center clinic would like to make you feel at ease we are very clinical at what we do. This will be a nightmare instead of your kid being ask where it is and you can tell them just to stay away from the place. Instead your neighbor is going to be a dealer, seller or caregiver. Your neighbor's are not going to be watched by the police. Is it still going to be ban if you live to close to the church or school or something like that? At least if it's in the commercial district you can monitor and regulate what we do. If you push it into the peoples hands, the caregivers, who knows what they will do.

Stacey Abromaitis – Dryden

If not this amendment then the Zoning Commission and the Village Council should put a moratorium on it all until some further studies can be conducted on some better ways to do it for our community. I'm very disappointed that our little community has made the headlines of our local paper for something that is not so positive. It just shouldn't be that way. You should be rallying behind our schools which are #1 in the county and other community projects. We do not have a handle on the best way to do this. We should not move forward until we have a better handle on it. It does not give anyone that is using the medical marijuana any privacy. If I walked into a pharmacy no body knows what I'm doing if I walk into the dispensary we currently have everyone knows what I'm there for. Lastly, as a parent of four children in the school district I don't want anyone talking to my kids and asking them where it is. It is right in the line my kids have to go through to get to school and that shouldn't be the case. We need to put it on hold until we have better idea.

Mike Miller – Dryden

As I drive through the community I see a lot of kids around our community and I think this is not the place to be dispensing marijuana. It needs to be someplace where they have a large police department. They talk about monitoring this who's going to pay for the monitoring we can't afford that. We don't have enough police to take care of what we have so we need to put it someplace out of our small community where it can be checked on and there is not any baggies coming down from the upper floor and sold to some kid on the street. It's in the wrong place it should be in a place that is not readily accessible to kids. It's sending a wrong message about the Village of Dryden.

Nancy Murto – Dryden

Good evening and I thank you for giving us the opportunity to come before you. As a citizen of this community first of all I feel that zoning should have happened before anything opened in the community. I would hoped the council would have wanted to see what your citizens in the community wanted instead it was pushed through and shoved down our throats before we had a voice in the whole situation. I agree with the other woman was saying even though it's the law its very preliminary. The law is not even hammered out for sure and I think we are trying to put something in place without all the facts. I'm a medical professional for over 17 years I have empathy for people who are sick I would not do what I do if I did not have empathy. However, I feel this is an open opportunity for people to abuse something that is intended to help people. That is very clear I sat on the park bench across from the dispensary and asked why is a 20 year old kid playing his hip hop with no apparent issues that I know of in the middle of the afternoon entering the facility. And while I'm sitting there I look over and see the sigh for the ice cream social for the elementary school something is wrong with that picture. As far as the amendment is concern I would like to give ourselves more time until we actually know what the law is. Thank you.

John Tragin – Dryden

You can't move this into the residential If you have a caregiver that is a patient he can have as many patients as he wants he will have 20 people coming to the house. If you are a patient, patient to patient transfers are legal in Michigan. When I see that there is a dispensary in Dryden I see there are compassionate people in Dryden. A lot of people are looking at it as drugs not medicine. It's not a drug it's helping people. You need to keep it in a larger place that can be monitored. You don't really have to monitor it. They shouldn't put all these restrictions on it. Your making it hard for them Now you will have 15 caregivers throughout Dryden. You'll have more black people coming to your house. You have to let co-op's it a way of making sure what if all your plants die? You can work as a team. It's not a drug. It's not a bad thing for Dryden. Maybe they shouldn't have it directly downtown. Set it up down by the tractor place something like that. Don't put in residential that just silly.

Lynn Dunham – Dryden

I worked for Warren Cons Schools for 27 years. I saw 8 year olds smoking cigarettes & 12 smoking Marijuana then they are on to the hard stuff. We are giving a wrong message to our kids. 2nd place I think our council didn't do its homework when this came up. It

didn't study it. It didn't bring it out before the people. They did a wrong thing and we should vote our council out the next time they come up for a vote.

Muriel Dunham – Dryden

My main concern is for the children they are very curious and this will just feed that curiosity.

Charles Prosocki – Dryden

This law is too new for the township to bring in anything like this. They just need to take the time to study it. California every 2 years is changing the law. So we need to wait and find out if this is right for our town, I do not believe so.

Diane Gucciardi – Dryden

I have a concern about how security will be handled. How is the pot screened for quality are the caregivers screened for criminal records or can anybody apply to be a caregiver.

Tim Denney – Lapeer

I am the Dryden Township attorney I'm here to speak on their behalf. We feel what you are considering will have a dramatic impact on us. What goes into the village always goes through the township. We share not only a county but a community. A hundred cars coming in an 8 hour shift that could easily yield 30,000-50,000 in a year. That has a tremendous impact. The law was never intended to accommodate large scale Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. One caregiver to 5 patients. That caregiver can only serve the patients registered to them through the Community Health department. The law permits only caregivers to receive compensation from those patients. The community health department has stated publicly that dispensaries are illegal. Just last week a Michigan Court of appeals Judge issued a ruling that they violated state law. Common reception areas violate state law. The statute makes no provision for the caregiver to delegate their authority to someone. The business model that is proposed is to have hundreds of caregivers together and have a handful of receptionists do the selling. There is no authorization in the State law for that. When you explain to your grandchildren what the Village of Dryden was best known for do you want it to be a Medical Marijuana Dispensary. Your decision will impact the Village and our community.

Glenda Howes – Dryden

I have been in chronic pain from a fall and the dispensary has helped me a lot. You need to teach your own children not to do drugs. The dispensary is more watched than the children on the street selling these drugs. I'm grateful because I'm in chronic pain and it's helping out on medications. It's up to the parents to talk to their children and let them know what's right and wrong.

Gar Liebler – Dryden

I heard a lot of comments tonight from what I understand anyone who is a caregiver can sell it out of their home. I agree with what a lot of people said we need to take time and know more about this. We have good people in this town and it bothers me that it says 1000 feet from the school and 500 feet from the church but it is allowed right across from the public library. I think we need to really sit down and go over this. Our federal government says marijuana is illegal. I don't understand how our government can say one

thing and our state another. We need to know more about it and have the State and the government iron this out.

Kayt Warnars – Dryden

I believe medical marijuana should be in a pharmacy not in a neighborhood. I don't care what you say kids are easily influence by other people. We have 2 police officers in this town. It's not the taxpayer job to pay to have it monitored. Why do all these caregivers have to be here in Dryden. I believe crime is going to go up people are coming in from out of the area. I do believe it should be dispensed from a pharmacy. Also Act 368 section 333.7410 states it should be 1000 feet from a library. The law says it should be a 1000 feet from a public library and a school and 500 feet from a church.

It should be dispensed from a pharmacy.

Mark Carter – Romeo

This is one of the problems I have with the board how they were on board with this thing from the beginning the very first meeting it went right through. The very next meeting we had with Gary everything was turned around in one meeting. We went to everything is ok to everything is a nightmare. I don't understand. It got so screwed up in one meeting. The thing with the patient to patient sales are ok with this state. The state says it's a crime to sell to anybody without a card. It says I have to honor cards from other states how can I do that if there our no patient to patient sales? How am I suppose to honor that card? The thing with the kids up and down the street looking up at the big dope den there are no signs, no open signs no marijuana signs anywhere. But you look across at the beer and wine store and it's flashing. They sell papers in that store. They have a sign on the window that they sell papers. They sell wine coolers that taste like strawberry pop. The city attorney and the thing with the Connelly ruling. That guys a joke. There were three people that voted on that ruling 2 people voted on the side for it and that's the opposing view. He still feels he should let his feelings known. I don't care about his feelings he was the loser. Why do you want to listen to his big ruling. The co-op the open growing. Connelly says it's ok to grow 78 plants together and another 78 plants together. But what are you going to do to get rid of all the product? When I don't have pot I should be able to inform patients to go somewhere else for the product. I sell to cancer patients, ms patients, it's just a drag that they have to go somewhere else to get their medication. I thought Dryden had more that 2 cops I know when they raided me there were a lot more out there.

Louis Dittman – Dryden

I think I've changed my views after listening to a lot of people. I think the best protection for our children is education not more police protection, teaching our children not to use drugs. Yesterday I seen a man that had not had a drink in 25 years found dead in his bathroom standing up. I had hemorrhaging from Vicodon use. I take Vicodon I probably have my prescription filled 4 times a year. I would like to see the village council give these people some rules to live by. I do not want to see it on Main Street. Maybe they should get some property over by the Dryden Vets Hall or over by Champion but keep it off the Main Street.

Chief Larry Pack – Dryden

Basically Mr Denney said what I had to say but I want everybody to understand what this is for it's for the zoning part. If the dispensary is violating the law the police will handle

it and we have been handling it as Mr. Carter will tell you. He is right we have more than 2 people on the police department. So that's what I want everybody to understand this is regarding zoning not for enforcing the law. So on there is how many caregivers per parcel that is what's on there because the law has classified dispensaries as being illegal. Second of all I have heard a lot of comments from people saying they don't want it in there neighborhood. If the individual in neighborhood is acting within the law there is nothing that says they can't be in the household if he is a caregiver he can still have 5 patients. With it be zoned downtown it still will not keep it out of the neighborhood. That's what we have a community for if you have something that is unusual or at your neighbors house that is when we would like you to notify the police department and let us take care of it and make sure they are within the law.

Mark Hagemeister – Dryden

Most of what I wanted to say has been said regarding being stricter on the ordinance. Zoning I agree with that 100%. I would like council to consider extending it 1000 feet from churches as well because of the activity at the churches. All the churches have activities that go on all the time with children. The library should be included with this as well. I support this amendment with those changes.

Russell Bohm – Dryden

Been in Dryden for 35 years I was drafted in the US Army in 1952 during the Korea conflict I got an honorable discharge and frostbite. The medical doctors at the VA gave me a prescription to take 800 of IB 3x's a day. My caregiver said that's hard on your kidneys and your stomach. At night I can't sleep because the nerves in my toenails are dead and they burn. When I was in the hospital in Florida I was given a cookie with medical marijuana that was the first time I slept without my toes jumping and burning. There is a place for this. Plus in the last 3 years I have been treated for Glaucoma when I checked with my ophthalmologist he said I wish every patient I have with Glaucoma would take Medical Marijuana. So I'll get back to the first speaker that said the people got duped on this and didn't know what they were voting for while all the state legislatures where suppose to take this and fix it. It's been 2 years and they done nothing. It was up to us we should vote everyone of them out and let's keep our nice commission here they seem to be doing a good job. On the residential dispensary there is a safety issue involved. You know people rob jewelry store they will dope houses for dope. I want to know in a residential area what are the hours going to be? 24 hours a day can they drive up anytime a day. Who's going to carry the liability here. Get it off of Main Street put it on the vacant property by Champion get it where the police can stop by and have coffee.

Daniel Roland – Metamora

I think we can agree Marijuana was in Dryden way before 2008. It's been here since Dryden has been discovered let's give it to the drug companies and take it out of the hands of the people of Michigan the jobs the potential of the money that can come into our economy. I drove through Dryden on my way here and seen a bunch of closed down buildings. Do you want people to remember Dryden as the one place where there was nothing there. It's not a gateway drug. A gateway drug is when a young child happens to want to use marijuana which he happens to be lied about his whole life goes to a drug dealer asks for marijuana now the drug dealer is available for him there is the gateway. So by putting this into a dispensary we are eliminating the gateway out of marijuana. The

biggest thing to do with this issue is to educate the children. We do it already. We can educate them about what pharmaceutical drugs are the biggest addition to this date is pharmaceutical drugs. Does that mean it's being control or regulated because of Rite Aid or Walgreens on ever corner 5 miles away from each other. What Dryden needs to do is take this and run with it and become a city that is moving forward. A city that can be a role model for the rest of the country to induct new jobs and money into an economy that has been abandon by corporate leaders and abandon by our elected politicians. It's time for us to stand up and this isn't about medical marijuana this is about our rights. And just so you know cancer doesn't really care what kind of clothes you wear or how fat you are figure it out people alright.

Jesse Beaudin – Capac

I sit here and listen to everybody the bickering back and forth it's legal so get over that part of it. Like you say this is about how we are going to run it how we are going to do it. To me if you put it back into the neighborhoods and everybody else. Me now I'm a caregiver so when someone comes to my house what about my kids. This way there is a dispensary people can go there if I got overages or whatever I need to do. Keep it away from the kids everyone is complaining it's to close to the church it's to close to the school the kids are my biggest concern don't get me wrong but what about the beer stores and the bars do they have to be so many feet from the schools (yes's in the audience). They aren't any farther from the dispensary then anybody else. Realistically being in the neighborhoods is way worse. Being in a commercial building you can control that, you can see everybody going in and out. I pull up through Dryden there is a whole bunch of kids sitting in front of the beer store. If it's in a building they can't go in. Anybody that's been there, there is someone there from Dryden who will ask for your paperwork. I can personally say that because the first time I went there I do not have a back copy of my check that I was legal. They told me you can't be here you are not legal. I went. When I got my card I went back. They did the right thing. So don't yell at them don't try and make it so hard on them. It's not they're fault the state says yeah it's legal and they didn't put rules so they had something to go by. They did the right thing.

Dannielle Watson – Dryden

I live in the Village of Dryden where we have to pay 3 taxes instead of 2 we pay a village tax, a township tax, and a county tax. I have 4 children that attend school here. Dryden is known for a lot more we definitely do not want to be known as a drug town. The reason my children can walk to the Sip n Dip is it also sells ice cream and pizza. As you can see we feel comfortable with our children being out and about it was a safe town it won't be for long. Take it to Romeo there is a lot more people and more customers. Dryden has good people. It's very upsetting that this leaked through it's not ok it's not ok. I moved her 6 years ago because of the good schools. Dryden does not need to be known for this. Dryden needs to be known as good people

Jeanne Warnars – Dryden

I want everybody to know I'm not ashamed of it I voted in favor of Medical Marijuana. For 20 years I've lived in chronic pain. It doesn't mean it was legal to use then I found other ways to deal with the pain. I want to say thank you for the other people that have an interest in what going on in our village. However, I have a problem with people from other cities or towns stated what we should or should not do. This tonight is about what the citizens of Dryden the village and the township wish to see happening within our

limits. That's what this is about. Medical Marijuana should only be dispensed in a professional setting. I do not see a dispensary where there are 20-30 cars and people lined up as a professional setting. That's like saying you can get your ice cream right next to where you can get your joint. Sorry I'm not for that. It should not be in a living room or a basement either. Do we have a pharmacy in our village? No we do not and we should have a dispensary in our village either. Thank you

Ericka Franz – Dryden

I've lived in Dryden for 22 years I have 2 people come up and say what I wanted to say. A lot of people are making it sound like it's do you want it in private neighborhoods or a dispensary. You do not have a choice the private neighborhood, the 1 caregiver, the 5 patients is the law. We are not given that choice. What we are talking about is the dispensary. Your neighbor can open it, your neighbor can open it and your neighbor can open it. There is nothing that we can do about that. Do we want it downtown? I heard people say at other meetings that it brings business to Dryden, there is nothing in Dryden. What are they doing? Getting a haircut, fixing their car there is nothing else in Dryden. It does not bring anything else to Dryden. It does not bring any other business to Dryden but traffic and hanging out. If you put it next door to Champion, the other suggestion, it's next door to the playground and the school. What does that get you? I just want to make clear to everybody you are not going to stop it in your neighborhood it the choice of weather we want it downtown.

Brad Johnson – Yale

Everyone is worry about their taxes. Village of Dryden is going to get all the money back x's 10. The place I work for rents a place downtown at \$6000 a month. It's a place of business it going to bring more taxes. It will bring more people to your area. I've never been to Dryden. Now I've been here for 4 of my patients. I stop at the gas station. I stop at the bar. It brought me into your town 4 times. You going to make your money back on this. As far as being next to your school I can see not next to your school. You are getting medicine it's not selling drugs.

Justin Evans - Dryden

I don't want to take up a lot of your time. Erika pretty much said what I wanted to say You are not going to stop it in the homes it's state law.

Dave Kotynia – Almont

I heard a lot of people say a lot of things about downtown Dryden. Not all of it complimentary. But I think the residences of this fine town will agree people of Dryden. My wife and I own the building next to the dispensary. We are refurbishing it and we plan on opening a business. A legitimate business we are trying to help downtown Dryden. I'm their quite often doing a lot of work. I go there and I can't even park in front of my own building because of all the cars. It concerns me because we are planning on opening a legitimate business and quite frankly our cliental would be mid to older range adults myself being one of them. I would be reluctant to pull up because of all the loitering going on. I wouldn't want to go even to the legitimate business quite frankly because of what is going on next door. Someone stated they see a lot of empty businesses. Let them be a front runner in this business. We don't want that. That is not what we want to be know as. There is a restaurant opening up further down the road. The business I'm going to open in the downtown area. We need businesses like that. It just

going to deter business like that if we have a reputation of being the place where everybody can come and get there marijuana.

Sue Fude – Dryden

My concern is I moved out here because my daughter is out here. I'm from the city. I moved out here for the quite. I didn't want to be near all of that. It's pretty sad when I'm going through town and there is 3 people standing on the corner. I said to my daughter watch. The guy on the cell phone calls somebody. Someone comes down the stairs and lets them walk threw the door. One day I'm walking from the gift shop to the bank. I smelled marijuana I looked up on the porch there was I guy standing there smoking and he made a comment to me. I just looked up because I smell it. Do I want my grandchildren downtown. No. Our kids don't have anywhere else to go. We are small, small. I don't want it in my neighborhood. I understand I live in the manufacture home park and everyone of my neighbors in the manufacture home park could have 5 patients. I agree we need to go back and look it over. I don't think it was well thought out. Do I want it in Dryden? No. We have no place for our children to go but downtown. I'm sorry but I don't want my grandchildren there.

Rebuttal:

Ron Ptaszek – Dryden

If I could I like to see everybody that lives in Dryden raise your hand. The rest of you are just noise. Whatever we do we should do it really slow. We should do it very carefully and do it the right way. Let Metamora have all the growing pains with this. When I worked in a high tech business we were always on the leading edge. We had all the trouble. Let's follow.

Michael Mahan – Lake Orion

I took offense to that this is a public forum. I just gave opinion. We came here to see how you were going to do it. Not to be judged. We are good people too. What makes your medication better them what I'm on.

Jamie Fricke – Capac

I just wanted to say a couple of small things about this. First of all if you see 100 patients coming out of the center we are a huge patient resource center. We tell them how to sell how to register and be legal. I encourage people not to judge an 18 year old because he doesn't look sick. I don't look sick I have a disease that causes me great pain. All I see is these judgmental people because I don't look sick I'm not sick right.

Stacey Abromaitis – Dryden

This is not the kind of business Dryden need. This is not the image we need for our town. It's completely wrong. It needs to go somewhere besides downtown.

Nancy Murto – Dryden

I wanted to address the gentleman regarding how much more money that is generated back into our community. I really question the integrity of the operation of this process or business when someone walks around with \$10,000 and says look what I made tax free and is bragging about that. That is not a compassionate person who cares about the well being of the people that need it or are they in it for the money . I hope to God none of you were are part of pushing this under the rug either. Look what happened to Kwame.

John Trahan

The question is do you want a dispensary in your downtown. I don't believe it should be directly downtown. There are a lot of problems with a small town trying to incorporate all that traffic and everything else. But there alternatives. There are places outside of town. Set it up let them monitor it. Build them a parking lot.

Diane Gucciardi - Dryden

I feel it would be better if it was dispensed at a pharmacy. Where there regular hours where someone who needs it has privacy. Let it be in a pharmacy.

Kayt Warnars – Dryden

If it's such a big deal to have a dispensary go somewhere you can be zoned in a proper area. How many plants do you need in a week. If this stays in this town I am leaving.

Mark Carter – Romeo

I pretty sure that the board or what ever you call yourselves said you were going to allow 1 dispensary for every 800 people. We answered that we went into the building that you wanted us to go into. We are waiting for our other building to open up. All I did was answer the ordinance. You guys wanted a dispensary. I filled out the paperwork. And know somehow that's all screwed up. People keep saying the vote slide through. It didn't slide through 2/3 of you people have voted for this law.

Gary Howell – Attorney

There seems to be some confusion this is the Planning Commission. This has not been before the Planning Commission before. This is the first time this Planning Commission has had a Ordinance proposed or a hearing. The references are to the Village Council.

Wayne Dittman – Dryden

I don't think that Dryden should wait to see what Metamora or Almont is going to do. Someone should take the lead here. We set rules and we stick by them.

Daniel Roland – Metamora

It seems like everyone in Dryden is worry about their kids. With respect you guys got to stop lying to them. Teach them the benefits of Medicial Marijuana. They been lied to there whole life. Stop moving backwards and move forward. Research and deploy the dispensary at full speed this is an alternative medicine. a cure for real diseases in this town and the whole world. Stop lying to your kids.

Jesse Beaudin - Capac

I understand this is about where you guys are going to do it and how you are going to do it. It's not the patient fault the State didn't do what it was suppose to do and set guidelines and rules to follow. They left it in the hands and said whatever. Worked together and figure out this for people to go to everybody's houses. You guys are worried about the kids I agree. Maybe downtown is not the best place for it. If you guys don't take the initiative to do it who is? You already have it here make it right. Don't run from the problem it gets you know where.

Danielle Watson – Dryden

It's not the best alternative for Dryden. This is a small area. The majority of the people moved here to get away from the city. Again I feel for your situations. But it needs to be taken where there is more people. Where it is across from the library where are kids go to get on the computers are children have to walk home from the elementary school by it and in front of it. It is wrong. It is morally wrong to have it there.

Jean Warnars – Dryden

Thank you for listening to the Village citizens concerns. Whatever recommendation you make you have to sleep at night. I think it's a necessary thing for people that have chronic pain. I think there has to be a better way of doing this. Whatever your recommendation is I hope we as a community have a chance to vote it up or down.

Thank you.

Ericka Franz – Dryden

First, I think the amendment should be to stop the dispensary all together. Second, you don't want to sell it in your house because your kids will know about it. But you want it downtown so our kids can walk down the street by it. Hello!!